# Stormwater Management Inspector Course

Participant Guide



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 $BMPs\ can\ be\ found\ at: \underline{www.deq.virginia.gov/ConnectWithDEQ/TrainingCertification.aspx}$ 

Sample construction and post-construction inspection checklists for all 15 non-proprietary

## **Acronyms and Definitions**

**BMP:** Best management practice

BMP Clearinghouse: Virginia Stormwater BMP Clearinhouse, <a href="www.vwrc.vt.edu/swc/">wwr.vt.edu/swc/</a>

**Construction GP:** General VPDES Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from Construction Activities

**DEQ:** Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

**ESC:** Erosion and sediment control

FEG: Federal effluent guidelines

**LDA:** Land-disturbing activity

MS4: Municiple separate storm sewer system

**Permanent BMP:** Permanent best management practice or stormwater management facilities as defined in 9VAC25-870-10

**P2 plan:** Pollution prevention plan

**Regulated LDA:** Land-disturbing activity of one acre or more, 2,500 square feet in all areas of jurisdictions designated as subject to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, part of a larger common plan of development or sale that is one acre or more, or a more stringent area as established in local ordinance, that must follow the provisions of the VSMP Regulations and obtain state permit coverage, where applicable, and VSMP authority permit coverage.

**RLD:** Responsible land disturber

**SWM:** Stormwater management

**SWPPP:** Stormwater pollution prevention plan

**TMDL:** Total maximum daily load (a calculation of the maximum pollutant amount a body of water can receive while still meeting water quality standards, which is developed by the state or the US Environmental Protection Agency for an impaired water; a TMDL is the sum of the

individual wasteload allocations for point sources, load allocations for nonpoint sources, natural background loading and a margin of safety)

**VESCP:** Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Program

**VPDES:** Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System

**VSMA:** Virginia Stormwater Management Act

**VSMP:** Virginia Stormwater Management Program

### Introduction

#### **Course Goal**

This course is designed to provide participants with the knowledge and tools needed to operate an effective VSMP inspection program for compliance inspections of regulated land-disturbing activities (LDAs) during and after construction.

After completing this training, you should be able to:

- Understand how to conduct and schedule inspections of regulated LDAs in accordance with the requirements of the Virginia Stormwater Management Act and Virginia Stormwater Management Program Regulations
- Gain knowledge about documenting VSMP inspections and violations
- Explain the four components of a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) and how the components are used in the inspection process
- Utilize the best management practice (BMP) specifications from the Virginia
   Stormwater BMP Clearinghouse to conduct inspections during and after construction

### **Participant expectations**

- Use the training materials as you like. All the materials you received were prepared for your use
- Be honest with yourself about your strengths and areas that you need to develop. You
  are responsible for your own learning. Ask for what you need from your trainers and
  other group members